

CSA News

The Creation Science Association for Mid-America

"It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in men" Psalm 118:8

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CSA Completes Eleventh Year

CSA held its first public meeting in December of 1983. We have learned a lot in the ensuing eleven years. In the overall scheme of things, we remain a new kid on the block of God's defenders. We've enjoyed many successes and more than a few failures. For a brief year-end wrap-up, I thought I'd share a few successes you probably haven't heard about:

- An early blessing I never shared in print occurred when Ross Chambliss and I gave a two evening seminar at a large local church. The message was not expected to be well received, and it wasn't by a few. If stoning had been in vogue, there were three young men in their late twenties or so, who would certainly have employed it. Typically, they promised to return to decimate us the second evening... but didn't. Others received it very well. In the rear, center aisle was a lovely young lady, sitting erect with a stern look and notebook at the ready. By the second evening the stern look was gone and the notebook lay unused. Afterward, several gathered at the front of the room to talk. The lady was there, obviously waiting for a turn to speak. When it came, she put her hand in mine. Hers was wet. She said, "I want you to know I came to criticize, but... [she faltered, and her eyes became wet]... I just want to thank you for coming ... [another halting phrase]... I had no idea... there was so much." If there had been any doubts that the Lord had called me to this work, they ended then. Not because she was pretty, but because her life had been changed. She had come out of the darkness into (at least some of) the light.
- Here is a recent, typical response to one of Bob Farwell's outings: "We wanted to thank you for the highly informative tour you presented to our Home School Support Group at the K.U. Natural History Museum. We are all so thankful to still be able to hear the truth publicly in this great country of ours! Your time and talents are greatly appreciated! God Bless you all! Sandra Baith
- Recently Ken Carlson presented his material on Noah's Flood, coal and Mount St. Helens to a Saturday morning men's breakfast of about 50. Ken titled this new version "Of This They Are Willfully Ignorant..." When it was over, a group of about 15 came up and said they wanted to "pick your brain." They remained behind for another hour doing just that.
- Lots of folks get something out of **Glenn Kailer's** seminars. We've gotten praise from youth, college students, seminary students, pastors and laymen. But, Glenn has a special knack with youth. Consider the following comments: The camp nurse at a summer youth camp said, "I was wispering on the back row with one of the other faculty members. One of the kids turned around and ssshed me! They were really interested in what Glenn was saying. He really entertains them while teaching important material!" A dorm mom said: "The girls stayed up late last night talking after lights out. That's is not unusual... but they were all talking about how to use everything they had learned from Glenn when they got back to school!" Now that's what I call successful "youth ministry!"

We wish you the very best the Lord has for you during this season of remembering His humbling of himself to our low estate.

Real Scientists Just Say "NO!"

A Book Review by: Richard Castle, Minister

[Editor's foreword] If we had no written record of what the prophets said, we would have no Bible. Real Scientists Just Say "NO!" is a compilation of what CSA has been saying about origins for the last eleven



years. We have gotten a number of praise reports over the years, but none as thorough as this. Glenn Kailer uses RSJSNO! as a textbook in origins apologetics he teaches at Central Christian College of the Bible, Moberly, Mo. The review was submitted by one of his "students." We felt it would make a meaningful addition to our year-end report.

To do a chapter by chapter critique of this notebook was not possible since my expertise in creation evidences is very limited. However, from a preacher's standpoint the material is outstanding. As I read the notebook, each section was like ice cream and cake... it just got better and better. To have for the first time a complete outline with which one could preach and teach about creation as the Bible teaches it, with the arguments we need to refute evolution, is priceless.

The first section on the relevancy of creation is a powerful introduction to the rest of the material. I especially appreciated the "4 Basic Questions of Life." I took these questions last year and developed a sermon to use for the first night of an evangelistic revival meeting. These questions are so basic to the human experience that everyone can relate to them. When you use them to show the Biblical answer and then what the world has tried to substitute, they very effectively show the foolishness of what evolutionary thought has promoted for so long. The response I had to that sermon was very gratifying and I give CSA all the credit.

Origins views and how they affect people on a national scale as well as on the family level was very revealing. False origin beliefs have caused much of the disharmony in churches, but we Christians have not recognized the source of the disharmony.

A proper understanding of Genesis is essential to understanding God's plan for mankind and we have become totally oblivious to this fact. Defending creation and opposing evolution is absolutely essential... more focus on preaching from Genesis is paramount. This notebook has helped me to see the great need to begin to speak out against evolutionary thought that so permeates our society. We owe CSA a great debt of gratitude for bringing this before our eyes.

The section "What Is Science?" is extremely valuable to our understanding of the whole evolutionary lie. I have been guilty of being duped by "evolvo-science" and I blame that on a blind trust in science. This section does a superb job of showing the false science that the pushers of evolution have used. It is so obvious that I feel stupid to have been led into their false science so easily! The very thing that I hold so dear, logic and reason, really lay their claims bare, and to think that so many of

us have been taken in so easily is difficult to admit. "The Logic and Strategy of Sound Proof Methods" [in RSJSNO!] is right on! I should have been observing this before now, but I will not make that mistake again.

The section on "Origin of Life" is fantastic! I just loved the part on von Neumann machines. What a tremendously revealing exercise to compare man to von Neumann's machines. It is all so plain that anyone can understand it. I can't wait to find a good spot to use this in a sermon. What a wealth of sermon illustrations is contained in this notebook.

"The Age of the Earth" is probably the most baffling question for most people and the Notebook section on this very effectively gives us the answers. The exposure of the false and ambiguous ways of measuring the age of the earth was an eye-opener. It was a real surprise to find out how "evolvo-scientists" have been systematically, and consciously, lying to the world. These people are either the most dastardly of men or absolute fools themselves!

One of the great things about this notebook is the loose-leaf format. I have been able to put articles and other data I have collected into its appropriate place and it is so much more usable. The update feature of the notebook is also great. I feel like I'm on the cutting edge with my material when I make a creation presentation, whether preaching or teaching. Using the other books I now have on creation and its related subjects, and making photocopies of pertinent data, I am able to have one complete reference source to use at a moment's notice. For the busy preacher this is invaluable.

I can't say enough good things about CSA's notebook and I look forward to using it more and more in my teaching and preaching. As I said earlier, CSA has done all Christians a great service and I hope the word is getting out.

Editor's Postscript:

I "wrote" Real Scientists Just Say NO!, but much of the original research and organization of the material was done by other CSA leaders: Roy Holt, Ross Chambliss, Dave Unruh, Ken Carlson, Bob Farwell, and Glenn Kailer. And we each borrowed much from other thinkers in the field, most of whom are acknowledged in the Notebook. The strategy of the Notebook is to minimize the presentation of evidence (it changes constantly anyway) and focus on two key things that do not change: "What does the Bible really say about origins?" and "How can we recognize true and false science claims when we see them?" With this foundation it becomes rather easy to examine evolution and the Bible's claims. I have often claimed that if you read and understand what the Notebook is saying, read one other good book that focuses on evidence (many are listed in the Notebook), and, of course, read what the Bible says, then you will not have a major problem with origins again.

However, even my (perhaps exorbitant) claims were never as ebullient as Minister Castle's above (for which I thank him). I suspect that his appreciation for the book was enhanced a bit beyond what I would claim for it, even in my wildest moments, by the fact that he read it during Glenn Kailer's class. Nevertheless, for those who are impressed by at least one of our claims about it, we are featuring it as **Book of the Month**. For those of you who would appreciate **hearing and/or seeing it taught**, we are also featuring a complete set of **video and/or audio tapes** covering these topics. **See "Book of the Month"** and "Audio/Video Tape of the Month."

Tom Willis

Report from Glenn Kailer

I am so thankful for the opportunities which have come my way to present the case for Biblical history. Sometimes, I must confess, it is even more fun to expose the weakness of evolvomythology. But, whether I am dismantling a false stronghold or building a true view of the world, God gets the glory, I have the fun, and you get the blessing. As the scripture says, "He who supplies the seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God." 2 Corinthians 9:10-11 (NIV) Each and every one of you CSA News subscribers who has prayed for the effectiveness of this ministry has a part in every victory. I especially am deeply grateful for every one of you who has designated support dollars for my work.

This year has been one of the busiest since I have been in creation ministry. It's also been the most expensive. Donations have barely kept up with actual expenses, but, somehow, God has seen us over the humps. I have filled many requests for presentations in schools, to homeschool groups, campus ministries, and others where there were little or no funds available. I have considered the *value* rather than the *cost*. Those of you who have done likewise are the very reason I can continue. Thank you!

Glenn

A Brief Word About CSA Finances

Contributions to CSA are fully tax deductible. CSA is supported as a missionary organization by my own church and a number of others. As one pastor remarked to me during a seminar: "You guys are on the cutting edge of 20th Century Apologetics."

Yet CSA has one of the lowest budgets per person reached of any Christian organization I know of. **CSA News** goes to **some 7000 people**, we distribute hundreds of books, audio and video tapes each year, the **free** lending library services hundreds of requests for video and audio tapes per year, each year several thousand people hear CSA seminars, and over 600 attended CSA Safaris last year. If you counted the hours we spent in front of youth last year, we easily exceeded the "youth hours" of the youth pastor of a very large church. Yet, we manage to achieve all this on **less total budget than the salary of a single pastor!**

This is in no way intended to demean the work of pastors. It is a simple statement of fact! Our "lean budget" is largely due to an all volunteer organization, except for Glenn Kailer. Nevertheless, Glenn's work has shown us what can be accomplished by a good full-time person. He manages to reach more people than all our volunteer folks combined.

But he does it on less than enough income to feed, clothe and house his family. As the Lord leads those who have an interest in our work to support Glenn and CSA more, we will expand our work and our full-time staff.

Note: Contributions to CSA are tax deductible contributions. Contributions to CSA can be earmarked for Glenn by simply writing his name or initials in the lower left corner of the check or envelope.

The Four Basic Questions of Life

Where Did I Come From?
Why Am I Here?
Where Am I Going?
How Shall I Conduct Myself?



Paraphrased from the CSA Notebook Real Scientists Just Say NO!

There are two widely held views on origins: Creation and Evolution. While some folks claim to subscribe to some form of God directed evolution, few of them seem to have thought out what they mean. They usually present the same "proofs" used by atheists, and then inject their version of a god into the process whenever it suits them. For this discussion we will largely ignore them. But we can arrive at some interesting conclusions about Creation versus non-theistic evolution.

- Only a creator associates purpose with his creation. Random processes do not have a purpose, else they would not be random. Therefore anything produced by random processes cannot have a purpose.
- The purpose of every created object preceded its existence.
 While some human creator may whittle a stick into a shape without having a functional goal for the end product, that does not mean it has no purpose. Its purpose may have been to entertain its creator while it was being made and/or after its creation.
- Since purpose can only come from a creator, the notion that
 a created object can think up its own purpose is absurd.
 When you came into existence, either you had a purpose, or
 you did not. The purpose for your existence cannot be
 added after you came into existence.
- Thus we see that the meaning and purpose of the world and all its inhabitants are totally dependent on their origin.

Now consider a discussion on almost any topic of human interest: a proposed law, how to raise children, homosexuality, abortion, what ought to be taught in school, **any** discussion of what men **ought** to do. Anyone who does not know where human beings came from can not know the meaning and purpose of human beings. Therefore, they have no ability to discuss what men ought to do, how they should conduct themselves, whether or how or when they should be killed (or aborted), how to raise or train their children, etc., because their opinions have no foundation. The only thing worse than discussing these topics with no foundation might be attempting to discuss them, *believing* you know where men came from, but having the **wrong answer!** Finally, if man is the product of random processes, he has no purpose. **Any** discussion of what man ought to do is a meaningless exerecise.

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Lending Library: Free Lending Library of Video and Audio materials. Materials available for 1st Grade to professional scientist.

Reference Library: Students writing papers may wish to do research in the **CSA** reference library which contains a growing number of "Politically Incorrect" books, as well as some early works by Darwin, Lyell, et al.

Catalog of Books, Video and Audio Tapes: List and description of all the books stocked by CSA on origins and related topics. Write for free catalog.

Creation Safaris: Family outings featuring creation/evolution evidences, fellowship, worship, and recreation. There is normally a list of upcoming safaris in each newsletter. Write for Safari Details. The 1995 Safari Agenda will be published in the March/April issue of CSA News, which you should receive about mid-February. Safari Details will be mailed to those requesting them at that time as well.

Audio Tape of the Month:

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

by: Ken Carlson, Cal Myers, Glenn Kailer, Larry Rink, Tom Willis

A complete teaching series on Origins. Not intended for Sunday School, this series is intended for people who genuinely want to learn more about these issues.

15 Tapes, almost 30 hours. Individual tape price: \$60.00 **Complete Audio Tape Series: \$50.00,** (includes postage)

Book of the Month:

Real Scientists Just Say NO!

by: Tom Willis

CSA's most popular book. Suitable for Junior High up. See the review on page one of this newsletter, and the paraphrased exerpt on this page.

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, Jan 3, 1995

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

"Of This They Are Willfully Ignorant"

Evidence for the Genesis Flood From Mt. Saint Helens and Coal Mines All Over the World by: Ken Carlson

For some reason belief in a worldwide flood is big stumbling block for many people. In 2nd Peter, we learn that, for many, this is willful ignorance, but for many others the reasons vary from deception to simply never bothering to examine the question. We began the topic in with Bob Farwell's December presentation, and will touch on it some more in other sessions. But, if you have problems in this area, this is the meeting to attend. Ken has studied this topic for ten years. His presentation is the most thorough and authoritative I have heard.

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science

Geologic Challenges to a Young Earth

A Video from the International Conference on Creation by: Glenn Morton

This presentation deals with some of the data that the author feels represent problems for the young earth position. The author's style tends to follow those of a typical textbook, present data, declare what it means, never seriously consider an alternative interpretation. The data does present some interesting challenges, but not nearly as strong as he would have you believe. We will use the tape as an exercise in fallacy recognition. Test your skill.

Did you know... CSA meetings are free, entertaining, educational, and useful in evangelism?

If you haven't been coming, you should be.

CSA Institute/Meeting Location: Westbrooke Church

9898 West 95th, Overland Park, KS

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CSA Meeting Tuesday, Feb 7, 1995

The Basic Institute in Creation Science

The Age of the Earth - Part I

by: Glenn Kailer

First of a series on the age of the earth, Glenn will focus on the Biblical view of the age of things, the most common "proof strategies" for an old earth, and a small part of the enormous amount of evidence that clearly demonstrates that the earth cannot possibly be millions of years old.

The Advanced Institute in Creation Science

The Evolutionary Worldview and the American Legal System

A Video from the International Conference on Creation
by: John Eidsmoe

John Eidsmoe teaches constitutional law and has published several books on American history. His presentations are original, challenging and informative. You are certain to receive something that you will long remember from any of his presentations.

Quotable Quotes

"I just love reading Stephen Jay Gould [well known Harvard atheist, Marxist] I can get more nonsense in less time..." Tom Willis, in response to a question at a recent K.U. seminar.

"Of course its the same old story. Truth is always the same old story" -- Margaret Thatcher

A Sign of the Times

Speaking of Margaret Thatcher, my favorite story came the day the Tories kicked her out as their leader. A major U.S. network ran a special discussing her demise. One British politician stuck out his chest and very somberly declared:

"Margaret Thatcher is one of these people who believe black is black and white is white. She believes in right and wrong, in paying your bills on time... which always meant to me she wasn't a very deep thinker."

Obviously, deep thinkers realize that right and wrong do not exist... and you shouldn't pay your bills on time.

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